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17 YEAR OLD BOY SENDS BULLET INTO BRAIN

ALFRED M. PHILLIPS TAKES HIS OWN LIFE IN DRAMATIC MANNER AT HIS HOME NEAR FALLS CITY.

FIRST CALLS ATTENTION

Fires Four Shots to Warn Beholders, Then Shoots Himself in Temple, Dying Instantly; Neighbors Witness Act; Parents Cannot Explain Rash Action.

Sending a bullet from a 38-calibre revolver crashing through his brain, after having fired four shots in rapid succession, evidently to attract attention, Alfred M. Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Phillips, killed himself instantly at the home of his parents, southeast of Falls City, Sunday night about 7 o'clock. His parents are at a loss to understand the reason for his act. The deed was committed in full view of neighbors, and was witnessed by Elias Robinson and Mrs. Mattie Hopstonall, who were sitting on the porch of the dwelling occupied by the latter, a short distance from the spot chosen by young Phillips to end his life. Their attention was first attracted to the boy when they heard four shots in rapid succession. A moment later while watching him, they heard another shot and saw Phillips fall to the ground.

Even then, according to a statement made to County Coroner R. L. Chapman, it was not believed that Phillips had shot himself, but was merely acting as he did to fool them, but Robinson made an investigation and found the boy dead, with a gaping bullet hole in his temple.

Had Prepared for Death.

An investigation by the coroner, who was hastily summoned, developed that Phillips had calmly prepared for death. He had removed his shoes and socks, hanging them over a near-by limb, and had placed a new pair of socks on his feet. He then removed his coat and spread it on the ground with the evident intention of falling on it when the revolver should do its work. It later developed, according to the statement made to the coroner, that Phillips had purchased the weapon, which was a 38-calibre U. S. from a store in Falls City on Saturday. That the intention to take his own life was uppermost at that time, and that he bought the revolver for that purpose, is believed.

Had Peculiar Disposition.

The parents of the young suicide are at a loss to explain his action. They say that he was of a peculiar disposition and given to fits of melancholy. He often complained that "he didn't amount to much," and seemed to have the idea that nobody cared for him. He was much given to hunting, and would roam the woods for hours at a time with a revolver, shooting at birds and animals. He usually carried a single barrel pistol, and the first intimation that he had any other kind, came when his dead body was found after Sunday night's shooting. Sunday a Falls City resident appeared at the Phillips home with an automobile and invited the family for a ride. There was a room for all of them in the machine and Alfred was left at home. The party came to Dallas and returned in the early evening, reaching home about 6 o'clock. None of the family saw the boy throw out his brains.

Came From Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips and family came to the Coast from Minnesota several years ago, and settled in Falls City, where they lived until about three months ago, when they moved to the place in the country they now occupy. The suicide was 17 years of age. His eighteenth birthday would have been on July 19.

Funeral services were held at the home this morning at 10 o'clock and interment took place in the Falls City cemetery. Besides his parents, deceased is survived by a large number

First Class to Graduate From Dallas High School



Reading from left to right: Lillian Fellows, Anna Garner, Olive Coulter, Georgiana Fiske, Roberta Ballard, Miss Letitia Shewey, the remaining member of the class was unable to be present when the above picture was taken.

TO PROTECT TREES GRANGE PICNIC IS AIM

EXPERT IN PLANT PATHOLOGY VISITS PRUNE ORCHARDS.

College Authorities Make Study of Sun Scald and Winter Injury; Experiments to Determine Causes.

Making an investigation of orchards of the Willamette Valley, and especially prune trees, in search of plant diseases, H. L. Rees, of the department of plant pathology, of the Oregon Agricultural college, of Corvallis, paid a visit to Dallas last week, and visited several of the orchards in this vicinity. To The Observer he said that the special disease upon which he was working, as affecting prune trees, is what is known as "sun scald," or "winter injury," an affection about which little is known and for which no cure has yet been discovered. He said that he was conducting a 5-year experiment upon a large orchard in Marion county, near Salem, where 800 trees were under observation. The disease usually attacks trees under eight years of age, and if left to itself will eventually kill the trees. Mr. Rees says that he investigated several orchards in this vicinity, and, while he found several trees affected, he declared that the orchards here seemed to be more free from the trouble than those in other sections.

"The department of pathology of the college stands ready at all times to give the fruit growers the benefit of our experience in all matters pertaining to the cultivation of all the fruit varieties of Oregon, and is anxious to co-operate in raising the standard of the product and free the orchards from diseases of all kinds," said Mr. Rees. He will be in Dallas again in a few weeks and will take pains to give all inquirers the benefit of his experience and research of the college.

COME TO INVESTIGATE STREETS

Amity Business Men Would Learn of Street Oiling Plan.

That the experiment of oiling the streets to eliminate the dust nuisance interests citizens of other towns was evidenced last week, when a committee of Amity business men came over to investigate the workings of the plan. Their trip was too early, however, as the oiling had not yet been done, but they declared their intention of coming later, after interviewing Mayor Craven and other Dallas business men. The party consisted of E. B. Barner, A. B. Watt, F. E. Roth and George LeMaster.

of brothers and sisters, some of whom live in this vicinity.

No Inquest Is Held. Owing to the fact of the cause of death being so clearly established, Coroner Chapman decided no inquest necessary.

GRANGE PICNIC IS GREAT SUCCESS

A SPIRITED SPORT PROGRAM HOLDS INTEREST OF CROWD.

Oak Grove Is Scene of Great Crowd; Baseball Game and Tug-of-War Prove Exciting; Band Music Good.

The Grange picnic held at Oak Grove Saturday afternoon was enjoyed by a large crowd, according to reports that have been received here. There were a large number present from Salem and Dallas, while the farmers of the neighborhood turned out in force. A feature of the day was the enjoyable program of sports, which was said to be among the best ever seen at a like affair in the county. Prominent among them was a baseball game between the Chemawa Indians and Rickreall, which was won by the former by the slender margin of one point.

A tug-of-war between the Indians and a picked-up team of whites was also very exciting, and was won by the latter, although the victory was not decisive enough to flatter them overmuch.

"Ugly Lady" Gets Prize.

There were races of all kinds, and prizes for the handsomest lady and the most homely lady present. The former was presented with a 10-pound box of candy. In order to get the feminine contingent to enter the competition for the most homely "honors" it was decided to change the rules to mean that the lady who could make the ugliest face should be given the prize. This competition, it is declared, resulted in a rather spirited contention and some horrible examples were forthcoming.

There was also a fine literary and musical program, and the Chemawa Indian band furnished plenty of music, both morning and afternoon. The affair was declared to have been a most pronounced success from every standpoint.

SCHOOL MEETING ON MONDAY

Two Directors and Clerk to Be Named for Dallas District.

The annual school meeting of the Dallas district will be held next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the high school building. At this time two directors and a clerk will be elected. U. S. Loughery, one of the present directors, has moved from the district, and his place on the board will therefore have to be filled by a new incumbent, while the term of C. G. Coad, director, and Tracy Staats, clerk, will expire.

Injured With Gopher Gun.

By the accidental discharge of a gopher gun, Mr. Fox, living near Rickreall now has one less finger and thumb than a week ago. While he was investigating the workings of the critter it exploded, with serious effect. The trouble occurred on Friday.

SCHOOL DAYS END FOR CLASS OF SIX

AMIDST BANKS OF ROSES AND STREAMERS OF GREEN AND LAVENDER FIRST DALLAS COMMENCEMENT HELD.

PROGRAM IS INTERESTING

Big Auditorium at High School Filled to Overflowing; Musical Numbers and Orations by Graduates Hold Close Attention of Audience; Affair Success in Every Way.

Amidst banks of roses, the "sweet girl graduates" held sway Thursday night when the big auditorium of the high school was filled to overflowing on the occasion of their first annual commencement exercises.

Although the class was small and the numbers on the program were few, the orations, essays and readings were most interesting and the dullness and restlessness usually displayed by large audiences of this kind was made conspicuous by its absence.

Streamers of lavender and green were festooned above the rostrum and all of the lights were covered with a thin coating of lavender, which shed a soft light over the dainty dresses of the participants.

Musical Numbers Interest.

The instrumental duet by Misses Pauline Conrad and Josephine Luebke was highly appreciated. These young women are accomplished musicians of the younger school, and success is predicted for them should they continue their studies. Little Miss Dorothy Bennett, the child protegee of Dallas musical instructors, comes in for her share of the praise, which is by no means small, for her beautiful piano solo. She has a wonderful talent, having played at different recitals, sonatas of her own composition before she was 12 years of age. She is yet only a child and is planning to complete her studies in a conservatory. There is no doubt but that she has a brilliant future before her.

After the invocation by Rev. Miles, Roberta Ballard, who chose as her subject, "Fancy's Pictures in Literature," gave a splendid oration. The subject was rather broad, but was covered in a remarkably simple manner and presented in a forceful way.

Lillian Fellows' reading, "Gentlemen, the King," told of a political plot to destroy the King of Ausrania. It was intensely interesting from the opening line, "Good evening, gentlemen," to the climax, a toast given by the anarchists, "Gentlemen, the King." Miss Fellows is an accomplished elocutionist and always has her hearers under the spell of her personality, making them feel the character she portrays until the last line is spoken.

Tells of Glaciers.

The essay on "Glaciers," by Georgiana Fiske, was one of the best on the program. It dealt with the formation and disappearance of those great bodies of ice and snow which are the wonders of the north. The theme showed much care and thoughtfulness in its composition and the ideas were good and clearly expressed.

The "Class Will," by Olive Coulter, was exceedingly interesting and did credit to Miss Coulter's literary and imaginative ability.

The girls' quartette was excellent, and was justly one of the most popular numbers on the program.

Miss Anna Garner showed her dramatic ability in a burlesque monologue, "The Reveries of a School Marm," which was one of the most clever productions of the evening. Each member of the class came in for a humorous touch, which was received with due appreciation.

Brings Back Old Scenes.

Letitia Shewey, the class valedictorian, gave a splendid production. Her delivery was just what it should have been for the farewell address to her school fellows and faculty. She has a low, soft, expressive voice, and the feeling she put into her lines brought

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LOGGER KILLED AT SIMPSON CAMP

DEATH COMES INSTANTLY TO HARVEY OLEMAN

Head Is Crushed to Pulp Between Two Logs, Coroner Makes Investigation; Deceased Was Well Known.

Harvey B. Oleman, aged 24 years, an employe of the Simpson Logging company, was instantly killed at the camp on the Big Luckiamute river on Thursday afternoon, as the result of an accident while engaged in loading logs at the railway. Deceased was unmarried, but leaves his parents who reside in upper Kings Valley, and a brother and sister at the camp of the logging company.

Information of the accident was telephoned to County Coroner R. L. Chapman on Thursday night, and Mr. Chapman, in company with Dr. A. E. Starbuck, Sheriff J. M. Grant, and others, left in an automobile for the scene of the accident. They reached a point about four miles from the camp and were obliged to traverse the rest of the way on foot. Their road led them up the sides of the mountain and was very steep. At the camp they made an investigation and found that Oleman, who was employed in the capacity of a "rigging slinger," was engaged at the railway in loading logs. In some manner he missed his footing and slipped between the moving logs in such a manner that his head was caught between two of them and crushed to a pulp, killing him instantly. After receiving the statement of his fellow workmen who witnessed the accident, Coroner Chapman held no inquest, as the cause of death was apparent.

Oleman had been employed by the Simpson company for several years, and had previously been employed by the Spaulding company at Black Rock, where he was well known.

BAND CONCERT DRAWS CROWDS

Saturday Night Event Appreciated by People of Dallas and Vicinity.

The second of the summer Saturday night band concerts was listened to by a large and appreciative audience last Saturday, and the program proved entertaining from start to finish. The quality of the music furnished by this high-class organization is weekly being improved and, under the leadership of Director Grant, the Dallas band is taking its place among the foremost musical organizations of its kind in the state. The Saturday night concerts are an innovation that is appreciated by everybody and the enterprise of the business men whose liberality makes them possible, cannot be too highly commended. Last Saturday night the court house plaza and the streets surrounding it were crowded with people, while numbers of automobiles filled with interested listeners were lined up along Main street. Applause was generous and enthusiastic. The Saturday night concerts are proving an attraction second to no other mode of entertaining the people that has been devised.

MEDICS HOLD MEETING HERE

Regular Session of Tri-County Association Monday.

Twenty-two members of the medical profession from Polk, Marion and Yamhill counties assembled in Dallas Monday night and partook of a dinner at the Hotel Gall, after which they held their regular bi-monthly session of the Tri-County society. Salem, Falls City, Independence, Amity and Dallas were represented. Among the interesting papers read and discussed was one by Dr. Noble Wiley Jones, the eminent internist, of Portland, and one by Dr. Boliman, of Dallas. The next meeting of the association will be held in McMinville on Monday night, June 24.

FACTORY WORK IS UNDER WAY

Foundation Finished for Electric Socket Company's Building.

Concrete foundations for the new factory which the Adjustable Electric Socket company will build on the S. F. C. & W. tracks, are now in position and the work of erecting the superstructure will proceed at once.

SCHOOL DRILLS TO BE FEATURE OF PICNIC

SEVERAL SCHOOLS OF COUNTY TO JOIN IN SPECTACULAR EXHIBITION AT BIG EVENT AT RICKREALL.

PROGRAM FOR THE DAY

Morning Exercises Comprise Musical and Vocal Selections; Graduation Program in Afternoon; Believed Affair Will Break All Previous Records in County.

Series of drills by several of the schools of the county will be a feature of the big school picnic which will be held at Rickreall on Saturday, June 15. This portion of the program is sure to be enjoyed, for those who will participate in them have been busy for several weeks perfecting themselves in the intricate movements.

According to the plans now made, each school of the county participating in the picnic will be arranged in sections, carrying their colors and banners with the name of the school. All successful eighth grade graduates have been notified by Superintendent Seymour and urged to be present and take part in the festivities of the day. The graduation exercises will begin promptly at 1:30 p. m., and will include an address by President J. H. Ackerman, of the Oregon Normal and the presentation of diplomas by State Superintendent Alderman.

Vocal selections by the Normal glee club and instrumental music by the Monmouth public school orchestra will also be enjoyable features of the afternoon program. The Dallas band, of 35 pieces, will furnish music.

It is confidently expected that the coming picnic will be the largest affair of the kind ever held in the county, but ample provision will be made to handle the crowds expected and everybody is urged to attend.

The Day's Program.

The program for the day will be as follows:

10:30, Parade of school children; form at school house, march to grounds, Dallas band leading.

Program at grounds:

Music, band.

Song, "My Own United States," Children.

Drill, Falls City School.

Music, Normal Glee Club.

Music, Monmouth Public School Orchestra.

Drill, Independence School.

Vocal Solo, Esther Bottorff, Dallas School.

Music, Normal Glee Club.

Drill, Buena Vista School.

Music, Monmouth Public School Orchestra.

Folk Dance, Monmouth School.

Music, Normal Glee Club.

Song, "Jolly Students," Children and Glee Club.

Lunch.

Graduating exercises, beginning 1:30 p. m.

Music, Band.

Address to Class, J. H. Ackerman, President Oregon Normal School.

Vocal Duett, The Misses Eaton, of Independence School.

Presentation of Diplomas, L. R. Alderman, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Music, Band.

3:00 p. m., Baseball game, championship high schools, Polk and Yamhill counties; Sheridan High vs. Dallas High.

Sunday Services.

Baccalaureate Sunday was observed June 9 by the students of Dallas College, in the United Evangelical church. The large auditorium of the church was completely filled. Prof. D. M. Metzger, dean of the college, delivered the sermon.

In the afternoon the farewell meeting of the Christian Associations were held at the college chapel.

In the evening the annual sermon to the associations was given in the church by Rev. L. R. Fields, of the M. E. church.